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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 17, 2001.

Initially, applicants would first like to bring to the Examiner's attention a problem with the application number assigned to this case. The postcard receipt (copy attached) shows the application number as 09/677,915, but the Filing Receipt (copy attached) shows the application number as 09/680,465 with an incorrect filing date of October 6, 2001. Applicants submitted a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt (copy attached) on January 5, 2001 bringing this matter to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. To date, applicants have not received a corrected Filing Receipt addressing this error. Applicants have also submitted copies of the following documents: an Information Disclosure Statement with attached Form PTO-1449 submitted on February 15, 2001, and a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submitted on May 14, 2001. Copies of these documents are being furnished to the Examiner because applicants suspect that the application number discrepancy has caused a misrouting of these documents. The Patent Office is requested to determine the correct application number for this case and inform applicants' attorney of the number.